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PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Smallpox—Mortality during month of June, 1906.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, July 10, as follows:

Seven cases of smallpox were discovered on July 9 and 10 by the sanitary inspectors in 2 houses occupied by negroes and natives in the heart of the city. The cases were in different stages when found, from convalescent to the acute pustular stage. The history of the cases shows that the first case was that of a child that had been brought from Cartagena more than a month ago, the child having shown 3 good vaccination scars on passing quarantine. This child had been in Colon fully a month before the disease appeared, and when found was in the desquamative stage. The next cases were 4 adults in the pustular stage and were pursuing their usual avocations, at no time complaining of being ill. A search of the surrounding premises brought forth 2 more cases, both children, one entirely recovered and the other in the pustular stage, showing no further symptoms. The first child above referred to was the source of the other cases, and the assumption is that the infection was brought by means of clothing. Vigorous measures have been adopted to check the spread of the disease. The inhabitants of Colon have been nearly all vaccinated, as have all new arrivals on the Isthmus during the past two years.

During the month of June 86 deaths were officially reported in Colon and Cristobal from the following causes: Malaria, 24; pneumonia, 22; dysentery, 6; tuberculosis, 6; tetanus, 1; pyæmia, 2; toxæmia, 1; filariasis, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; cerebral abscess, 1; coma, 1; heart disease, 2; broncho-pneumonia, 1; dyspnoea, 1; asphyxia, 1; abscess of liver, 1; diarrhea, 1; nephritis, 2; puerperal hemorrhage, 1; traumatic shock, 1; burns, 1; drowned, 2; stillbirths, 4; unknown, 2.

Of these only 2 were white men, 1 from malarial fever and 1 found drowned.

Reports from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports, July 3 and 14, as follows:

Week ended July 13, 1906. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date. | Vessel. | Destination. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage. |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| July 6 | Helen..... | Mobile..... | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | Chickahominy..... | New Orleans..... | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | Appomattox..... | do..... | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | Fort Gaines..... | Mobile..... | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Origen..... | New Orleans..... | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Summary of transactions—Sanitary improvements.

Transactions from March 31, 1906, to June 30, 1906, inclusive:

The quarantine service was commenced at this port March 31, 1906, and all shipping interests were notified.

No infectious or contagious diseases have appeared since the one case of yellow fever reported February 21, 1906, and the source of infection in this case has not been definitely established.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has a sanitary corps at this port. The Panama Government has given out a contract for putting in sewers, building a sea wall, and raising the grade of the town. This will be a great help in eradicating the breeding places of mosquitoes. It is hoped to have this work completed in about six months.

Transactions: Vessels inspected and fumigated, 49; ships' crews inspected, 1,390.

No passengers have been allowed to embark from this port on a fruit vessel bound to a southern port in the United States.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Quarantine transactions, March, 1906.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 25, as follows:

Quarantine transactions of the Service in the Philippine Islands during the month of March, 1906:

| PORT OF MANILA. | |
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| Bills of health issued | 359 |
| Vessels inspected | 344 |
| Passengers on arriving boats inspected | 9,365 |
| Persons vaccinated | 435 |
| Crew inspected | 12,078 |
| Persons quarantined for observation | 279 |
| Vessels in quarantine | 1 |
| Vessels disinfected | 1 |
| Partially disinfected | 6 |
| Fumigated to exterminate vermin | 3 |
| Cases of quarantinable diseases detected on vessels, plague | 1 |
| Pieces of baggage disinfected | 2,508 |

(Outgoing.)

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| Vessels entering quarantine during month | 169 |
| Discharged from quarantine | 171 |
| Number of vessels sailing without quarantine inspected and passed | 156 |
| Vessels disinfected | 2 |
| Crew bathed and effects disinfected | 338 |
| Passengers bathed and effects disinfected | 690 |
| Pieces of baggage disinfected | 2,810 |
| Inspected and passed | 2,020 |
| Pieces of miscellaneous cargo certified | 25,079 |

| PORT OF ILOILO. | |
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| Bills of health issued | 8 |
| Vessels inspected | 136 |
| Passengers on arriving boats inspected | 1,129 |
| Crew on arriving steamers inspected | 2,916 |
| Vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin | 2 |

| PORT OF CEBU. | |
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| Bills of health issued | 8 |
| Vessels inspected | 135 |
| Passengers on arriving boats inspected | 1,235 |
| Crew on arriving steamers inspected | 3,340 |
| Vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin | 1 |

| PORT OF CAVITE. | |
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| Bills of health issued | 3 |
| Vessels inspected | 3 |
| Crew on arriving steamers inspected | 1,312 |

| PORT OF ZAMBOANGA. | |
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| Vessels inspected | 5 |
| Passengers on arriving boats inspected | 169 |
| Crew on arriving steamers inspected | 279 |